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Office Action Summary	Application No. 10/581,011	Applicant(s) WORGULL, KLAUS	
	Examiner Clark F. Dexter	Art Unit 3724	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 December 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 7-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,4 and 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 12 November 2009 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

1. The amendment filed on December 6, 2010 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112, 1st paragraph

2. The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

3. Claims 1-4 and 7-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention, and/or

It is respectfully maintained that the specifics of the adjusting structure are not sufficiently clear, and thus it is not clear how the device operates to adjust the cutting structure; for example, it is not clear how the lever 33, the spring 37 and the surrounding structure operate to provide the disclosed adjusting operation.

Claims Not Rejected Over Prior Art

4. Claims 1-4 and 7-12 are considered to read over the prior art of record because the prior art or record does not teach or suggest the claimed combination of features including a hair length adjuster as claimed. However, these claims **cannot** be

considered to be “allowable” at this time due to the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 1st paragraph set forth in this Office action. Therefore, upon the claims being rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112 set forth in this Office action, further consideration of these claims with respect to the prior art will be necessary.

Response to Arguments

5. Applicant's arguments filed December 6, 2010 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive for at least the reasons previously explained as well as the additional reasons described in the prior art rejection above.

In the last paragraph on page 5 of the subject response, applicant argues that wording from the specification has been added to claim 1 and that such an amendment obviates the subject rejection under 35 USC 112, 1st paragraph. The Examiner respectfully disagrees with applicant's conclusion for at least the following reason(s). It is respectfully submitted that the subject rejection is based on an insufficiency or shortcoming of the disclosure; that is, the disclosure does not sufficiently convey to one having ordinary skill in the art how the device is operable to adjust the cutting structure. For example, while the present application describes in the second paragraph on page 4 of the specification that the adjusting device of the present application “is known in principle from the aforementioned EP0856386B1,” it is not clear from the entire disclosure of the present invention as to how the adjusting device operates.

For instance, the above passage describes that the shearing blades 2, 3 are adjustable in the manner of the European publication. However, at the beginning of the second paragraph on page 4, it is described that the cutting blade 5 is "capable of being displaced manually in the slit in the direction of arrow (arrow 32) via the lever 33" thus describing that the cutting blade is somehow displaceable in the direction 32. While it is clear that the cutting blade is capable of oscillation in a cutting direction (i.e., in a direction in and out of the page as viewed in Fig. 1), it is not clear how the cutting blade 5 is also adjustable in the direction of arrow 32. Further, in the last paragraph on page 6 of the specification, it is described that the "lever 33 for manually adjusting the cutting blade 5 has been shown in dashed lines." Thus, the specification describes an adjusting device wherein both the shearing blades 2,3 as well as the cutting blade 5 are capable of adjustment, and it is simply not clear how the disclosed adjusting structure operates to provide both adjustments.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark F. Dexter whose telephone number is (571)272-4505. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer D. Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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